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SUBJECT: 1976 MEAT IMPORT AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 200863

1. EMBASSY PRESENTED AIDE MEMOIRE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY (SRA DE HERNANDEZ) AUGUST 17 CALLING GOCR'S ATTENTION TO US DATA ON MEAT IMPORTS AND PROJECTION THAT ALLOCATION MIGHT BE USED UP BY WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24. AIDE MEMOIRE ALSO SAID, "IN THIS SITUATION, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, REFERRING TO PARAGRAPH 3 (B) OF THE MEAT AGREEMENT OF AUGUST 6, 1976 BETWEEN COSTA RICA AND THE UNITED STATES, WOULD WISH TO OFFER TO CONSULT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA, AND FOR THAT PURPOSE, WOULD BE WILLING TO SEND TO SAN JOSE AN OFFICIAL CONVERSANT WITH THE MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM." IT ADDED, "ALTERNATIVELY, CONSULTATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN THE COSTA RICAN EMBASSY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE."

2. SRA. DE HERNANDEZ COMMENTED THAT MEAT IS A SUBJECT OF GREAT INTEREST AND GREAT IMPORTANCE TO COSTA RICA. SHE ASKED WHEN INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE ON ANY POSSIBLE SHORT-FALLS FROM OTHER SUPPLIERS. EMBOFF SAID THAT THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY LATE AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER. SRA. DE HERNANDEZ SAID THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE A PERSONAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO AND SECRETARY KISSINGER CONCERNING PROVISION OF AN ADDITIONAL

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ALLOCATION TO COSTA RICA. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT EMBASSY

HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED OF ANY SUCH UNDERSTANDING. SRA. DE
HERNANDEZ SAID SHE WOULD LET US KNOW IN THE NEAR FUTURE
WHAT COSTA RICA WISHES TO DO ABOUT CONSULTATIONS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING
INFORMED WHEN INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE SHORTFALL RE-
ALLOCATION WILL BE AVAILABLE. TODMAN

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